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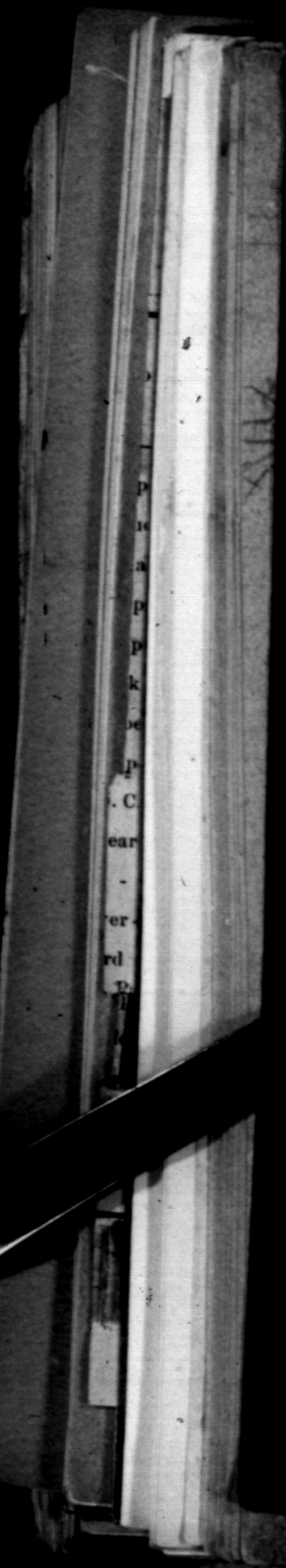


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MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

Pearl River
Baptist Association

HELD WITH
CANEY BAPTIST CHURCH
LAMAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
SEPTEMBER 10-12, 1904.

W. A. HEWITT, MODERATOR, Columbia, Miss.

C. E. BASS, CLERK, Carley, Miss.

E. R. APPLEWHITE, TREASURER, Columbia, Miss.

NEXT SESSION:

PLACE—Antioch, seven miles west of Columbia.

TIME—Saturday before the second Sunday in
September, 1905.

PREACHER—C. E. Bass.

ALTERNATE—W. A. Hewett.

Minutes

Of The

Pearl River Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Caney Church, Lamar Co., Miss., Sept. 10, 1904.

At 10 o'clock a. m. the Eighty-fifth Annual Session of the Pearl River Association was called to order by the Moderator, W. A. Hewitt.

Bro. W. K. Red, of Hattiesburg, conducted the devotional exercises, reading 125th and 26th Psalms. After a few moments of very interesting comment he led in prayer, after which a song was sung and Bro. W. A. Hewitt led in prayer.

Brethren J. J. Justice and E. J. Pittman were appointed to read the letters, while E. R. Applewhite and W. W. Magee were made a Committee on Finance.

After the reading of the letters, the following officers were elected: W. A. Hewitt, Moderator; C. E. Bass, Clerk; and E. R. Applewhite, Treasurer.

Enrollment of Delegates.

ANTIOCH—W. N. Forbes and R. D. Dunaway.

BISMARCK—J. E. Price, M. L. Branton and G. B. Cooper.

CEDAR GROVE—George Robertson, E. R. Applewhite.
A. J. Robertson, Ben Barnes and J. A. McDonald.

CANEY—Hamp Seascrunk, W. L. Saucier and Berry Thompson.

COLUMBIA—W. A. Hewitt, W. J. Stovall, Walter Polk,
Reese Hathorn and N. R. Drummond.

CHINA GROVE—J. D. Wallace and L. L. Stringer.

HOLLY SPRINGS—Jno. S. Newman, Johnie Prescott
and B. J. Morgan.

LITTLE RIVER—S. A. Ward, E. F. Williams and M.
E. Polk.

MAGEE'S CREEK—J. D. Hornhill, G. B. Richmond
and J. A. Davis.

NEW HOPE—E. J. Pittman, W. W. Magee and Walter
Pittman.

OLOH—J. E. Nobles and Geo. Lott.

SHILOH—Richard Turnage, Willie Taylor and E. L.
Williamson.

PRINE SPRING—C. E. Bass, J. C. Tolar and Martin
Cooper.

PROVIDENCE—Levi Alexander, J. E. Powell, J. D.
Boone, Mastier Brewer and B. F. Boyd.

Correspondence.

LEBANON ASSOCIATION—W. K. Red; J. E. Byrd,
S. S. Sec. of State Board.

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The following were appointed as Messengers to:
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—C. E. Bass
and J. J. Justice as alternate.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION—A. J. Robertson,
W. A. Hewitt, J. J. Justice and C. E. Bass.

LEBANON ASSOCIATION—A. J. Robertson and C.
E. Bass.

PEARL LEAF ASSOCIATION—A. J. Robertson.

BOUGUE CHITTO ASSOCIATION—W. A. Hewitt, J.
D. Wallace and J. A. Davis.

Adjourned for Associational Sermon by R. L.
Sproles.

Text—I. Kings 4:29.

Subject—A Large-hearted Man.

Adjourned till 2 P. M.

Committees were appointed as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—C. E. Bass, J. Price and W. N.
Forbes.

PASTORAL SUPPORT—R. L. Sproles, A. J. Robert-
son and Willie Taylor.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—Geo. Robertson, F. B.
Sones and E. J. Pittman.

TEMPERANCE—J. J. Justice, J. S. Newman and W.
L. Saucier.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—A. A. Beard, E. R. Ap-
plewhite and S. A. Ward.

MISSIONS—J. J. Justice, J. D. Wallace and Silas
Baggett.

PUBLICATIONS—M. E. Polk, R. D. Dunaway and
Richard Turnage.

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ORPHANAGE—M. E. Polk, J. C. Tolar and B. F. Boyd.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE—C. E. Bass, J. A. Davis and Martin Cooper.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY.

The Association was called to order and proceeded to consider and adopt reports on the above named subjects.

The following brethren took part in the discussions:

Preachers—Sproles, Hewitt, Red, Burge and Bass.

Laymen—Geo. and Albert Robertson, Sunday School Sec. Byrd, Willie Taylor, Milton Polk, G. B. Cooper and F. B. Sones.

Sunday School.

The Sunday School has been defined as the Church at work. Truly, no Church is alive and wide-awake which has no Sunday School. The pastor, deacons and singers cannot do as efficient work without it. It is the teaching department of the Church, and no Church is complete without it.

We need something to deepen the interest of our Churches in this work. The Baptist State Convention realizing this, has appointed Bro. J. E. Byrd as Sunday School Secretary.

He is ready, so far as is in his power, to visit and help in the Sunday School work in any part of the State; but since it is out of the question for him to visit every

Sunday School in the State, we therefore recommend that this Association organize a Sunday School Institute for the Pastors, Superintendents and Teachers; that this Institute shall be held at some central point, at a convenient time, and that Pastors, Superintendents and Teachers be requested to attend.

We further recommend that the Moderator appoint some suitable person to correspond with Bro. Byrd and make arrangements as to time and place of meeting.

Respectfully,

C. E. BASS,
J. E. PRICE,
W. N. FORBES.

Pastoral Support.

Your Committee on Pastoral Support beg to submit:

God has a duty for all his children to perform. The Pastor's duty is to devote his energies and time to the teaching and shepherding of God's flock. To be able to do this most efficiently, his time and talent must not be consumed in making a support for himself and those dependent upon him. Therefore, we believe it is the duty of all of God's people to contribute to the support of their Pastor in proportion to their financial ability. Further realizing that debt weighs upon every man's mind to a greater or less extent, that it is detrimental to a Pastor's usefulness, and unless the Pastor's salary is paid and paid promptly, he is forced to go into debt, we recommend that the churches of this Association pay their Pastors a stipulated salary for the year in

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quarterly or monthly payments. We wish to emphasize the fact that it is the duty of each member of a church to contribute to the support of the Pastor liberally, promptly and regularly.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. ROBERTSON,
W. C. TAYLOR,
R. L. SPROLES.

Devotional Exercises.

Sunday School mass meeting 10 A. M. Sunday to be conducted by Bro. Estes Bass.

Preaching at 11 A. M. in the house by Bro. R. L. Sproles and at the stand by Bro. J. J. Justice.

Preaching in the house at 2 P. M. by Bro. Estes Bass and at Stand by Bro. Burge.

Adjourned till 9 A. M. Monday.

Prayer by W. K. Red.

SUNDAY—SECOND DAY.

At 10 A. M. the Association met in a S. S. Mass-meeting with Estes Bass presiding. After song, scripture reading and prayer, Bro. J. E. Byrd was asked to address the audience on Sunday School work, which he did in a very interesting and instructive way.

Bro. R. L. Sproles preached in the house at 11 A. M., while Bro. J. J. Justice preached at the stand.

At 1:45 P. M. Bro. Byrd talked on Woman's work. At 2 P. M. Bro. Estes Bass preached in the house. Bro. Burge called in his appointment at the stand on account of rain.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After prayer and song the Moderator called the Association to order at 9 A. M. and continued the consideration and adoption of reports.

Temperance.

The word temperance means, in its general sense, moderate indulgence of our natural impulses, passions and appetites, and to avoid everything which is injurious to our physical and moral welfare. We do not believe in moderation in the use of liquors, but in total abstinence. We believe in absolute prohibition which is no longer a question with Mississippi Baptists but all agree as to its necessity. And we are ready to commit to it our manhood and womanhood.

We are largely indebted to our womanhood for the present Local Option Law which has done so much for the destruction of this evil.

Strong drink dethrones reason, and destroys character—and man's character is himself, and when character is gone, man is gone. All is gone.

Strong drink destroys pride, disarms patriotism, brings shame, dishonor, despair and misery upon any government controlled by it. It kills peace, ruins morals, slays reputation, makes wives widows, children orphans, men demons and all paupers. It fills asylums, furnishes subjects for the penitentiary and the scaffold.

Strong drink curses the world, and laughs at its ruins. Your Committee believes that our Lord desires,

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and even the world expects to see the churches to de-
 clare themselves against it, which can be done only by
 strict discipline, withdrawing fellowship from any
 member who persists in dram-drinking. May our dear
 Lord hasten the time when his churches shall see the
 awful sin in dram-drinking.

Respectfully,

J. J. JUSTICE,
 J. S. NEWMAN,
 W. L. SAUCIER.

Ministerial Education.

*We your Committee on Ministerial Education beg to sub-
 mit the following:*

We believe the minister must first be called of God,
 and then he has to be prepared, and how can he be pre-
 pared unless he can be educated, and how can he be
 educated unless he goes to school? Paul charged Tim-
 othy "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a
 workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly di-
 viding the word of truth." This came to Timothy after
 he had received the Holy Spirit, and we know the best
 results come from those who are the best prepared.
 We therefore recommend Mississippi College and The-
 ological Seminary for our young ministers to go to
 prepare themselves. Then they will be able to teach so
 we can better understand them. May God help the

people to push to the front and urge that we have good material to teach us that we may be better enlightened.

Respectfully,

A. A. BEARD,

E. R. APPLEWHITE,

S. A. WARD.

Missions.

The Mission work, fostered by our churches, has been divided into State, Home and Foreign.

The Lord has greatly blessed our State Mission work during the past year, and while we are undertaking greater things for our Lord every year, and it doth not yet appear what we shall accomplish since we have a friend that sticketh closer than a brother to go with us all the way. And yet the several new railroads and fast building towns and cities, and hence the rapid increase of population demand that we strengthen our stakes and lengthen our cords, and reach those important points in time to prevent so many grievous errors so liberally sown by our Pedo-Baptist brethern.

The Home Mission Board renders assistance in those states which are not able to do their own State Mission work, supports Missionaries to preach in frontier which is fast settling up, and also has charge of the work in Cuba and Phillipine Islands, and recently has very wisely decided to do something towards assisting in the evangelizing of our colored brethern. And the last but not least duty that rests upon this Board is to meet the thousands of heathens flocking to Amer-

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Foreign Missions.

The possibilities of accomplishing great things in Mexico, South America, Africa, Italy, Brazil, China, Japan, and at last Persia opens wide her doors unto us, and hence opportunity increases responsibility. The multiplied thousands in these fields stand with outstretched hands unto us to come to them, and give them the Christ who alone can cut asunder the shackles of Romanism and give liberty.

Figured out by mathematics, if we do our duty, the whole world would be evangelized in about twelve years. Brethern, we owe it to our Lord; for he has not asked of us an impossibility, and again we hear him say "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." What will you do?

Respectfully,

J. J. JUSTICE,
J. D. WALLACE,
SILAS BAGGETT.

The Association resolved to raise \$1,000 for Missions next year.

Publications.

In the history of the world there was never as much daily reading done as now. People form the read-

ing habit just as they form other habits, and are just as miserable when they are deprived of what they like to read as when deprived of anything else which they may be habited to.

Most habits are formed in childhood, and we generally learn to like whatever we have around us. This argues the necessity of surrounding our children with the very best of literature. For every person that can read in a home, there ought to be a Bible, then some or all of the following: The Baptist, Jackson, Miss.; The Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va.; The Home Field, Atlanta, Ga.; The Orphanage Gem, Jackson, Miss.; The Southern Baptist Convention Series of Sunday School literature, and others which we have not space to mention.

M. E. POLK,
R. H. TURNAGE,
R. D. DUNAWAY.

Report on Finance Approved as Follows:

We have examined the Treasurer's books and find them correct. Signed by Committee,

W. N. FORBES,
W. W. MAGEE.

Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations beg to submit the following report:

We recommend that this Association convene in

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her next annual meeting with Antioch Baptist Church, seven miles west of Columbia, 10 A. M., Saturday before the Second Sunday in September, 1905, and that Bro. Estes Bass preach the Introductory Sermon, and Bro. W. A. Hewitt be his Alternate.

J. E. PRICE,
E. R. APPLEWITE.

Obituaries.

Eighteen of our members have been gathered to their Father, the names of whom we failed to learn. The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. COOPER,
W. J. STOVALL,
BERRY THOMPSON.

Mississippi College.

At Clinton, Miss. is located a College which belongs to the Baptists of the State. It has done the greatest good of any institution of its kind in the State. There were 333 students enrolled last session. W. T. Lowery is the efficient president. We recommend that this

Association give him and the College her prayers to God for guidance and that we send our boys there.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. BASS,

J. E. DAVIS,

MARTIN COOPER.

Orphanage.

We your Committee on the Orphanage beg leave to make the following report:

In the year 1893 God's Spirit impressed Bro. L. S. Foster with the importance of caring for the destitute orphan children in our State. Relying upon God and the guidance of the Spirit, Bro. Foster continued to pray and work until May 12, 1897 when the Orphanage was opened in the city of Jackson in a rented house. In a short time one cottage of six rooms was erected on the Orphanage grounds. This was immediately filled with homeless children. Soon another cottage was pushed to completion, and as promptly occupied as the first. This Godly institution has been a source of comfort and support to many tender souls, such as have no parents or any other support so far as this life is concerned.

Dear brethren and sisters, let us continue our

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C. E. BASS,

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MARTIN COOPER.

prayers for and our support of the Orphanage until the
Lord shall call us home.

Respectfully,

M. E. POLK,
J. C. TOLAR,
B. F. BOYD.

Treasurer's Report.

I have received \$307.19 during this session of the
Pearl River association; \$42.25 of which is for associa-
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On motion the Association return thanks to this
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The Minutes were referred to the Clerk for cor-
rections. He was allowed his regular fee, and author-
ized to superintend the printing and distributing of the
Minutes.

Adjourned to meet with Antioch, seven miles west
of Columbia, Marion County, Miss., at 11 A. M., Satur-
day before the Second Sunday in September, 1905.

W. A. HEWITT, Moderator,
C. E. BASS, Clerk.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God and are the only rules of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam from the original rectitude, in the imputation of his sin to all posterity, in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.
4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept, by the power of God, through faith into salvation.
5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.
6. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.
7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

Faith.

ON GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves to the Lord, and to another in brotherly covenant to keep up a godly discipline, agreeably to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and law giver of His Church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and the privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's supper.

6. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the gospel, and give themselves as members to the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or holds doctrines contrary to the scriptures.

CHURCHES

	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Minist'l Educat'n	Miss. College Minutes	Other Objects	Total	Value of House of Worship	Other Property	Building and Repairs
Antioch	\$100 00	29 45				3 00	21 31	153 76	600 00	50 00	15 00
Bismark	75 00	15 00				1 50	15 00	106 50	450 00	55 00	15 00
Cedar Grove	150 00	20 00	8 00	42 00	10	4 00		234 00	500 00		
Caney	34 60	6 35	6 35	2 00		2 35		51 65	350 00	52 00	
Columbia	800 00	80 00	50 00			6 00	247 00	1183 00	2500 00	1500 00	1350 00
China Grove	100 00					1 00	10 00	111 00			
Holly Springs	150 00	7 85	54 45	7 85		3 70	44 50	269 65	400 00		5 00
Little River	75 00	5 00	5 00	7 00		1 35	16 50	112 35			
Magee's Creek	200 00	16 65		4 50		4 00	31 00	256 15	400 00		
New Hope	100 00	4 38	4 38	4 38		1 25		114 39	650 00		
Oloah	100 00	28 50	30 25	25 00		4 00	51 60	239 35	1200 00		
Shiloh	100 00	3 30	3 35	3 35		2 35		112 35	400 00	35 00	154 00
Prine Spring	100 00	10 00	8 50	8 50		3 75	37 05	167 80	300 00	50 00	2 00
Providence	300 00	28 00				4 00		332 00		70 00	1000 00

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CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	No Minutes	Baptisms	By Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Total
Antioch	T. B. Fortenberry, Dexter, Miss.	W. N. Forbes, Buford, Miss.	20	1	4		1	1	2	96
Bismark	J. K. G. Reeves, McComb City	G. B. Cooper, Topeka, Miss.	15	17	2			2	1	75
Cedar Grove	W. A. Hewitt, Columbia, Miss.	W. T. Willoughby, Columbia	25	2	13	1			2	146
Caney	W. K. Red, Hattiesburg, Miss.	T. J. Smith, Baxterville	15	5			5	3	13	96
Columbia	W. A. Hewitt, Columbia, Miss.	W. L. Stringer, Columbia	30	18	20		1	1	1	202
China Grove	T. D. Cox, Carley, Miss.	J. D. Wallace, China Grove	6							14
Holly Springs	J. J. Justice, Columbia, Miss.	A. A. Beard, Buford, Miss.	20	4	2	5	1	1	1	3176
Little River	J. J. Justice, Columbia, Miss.	S. A. Ward, Edna, Miss.	9	2	6	1		6	1	50
Magee's Creek	A. F. Davis, Tylertown, Miss.	J. D. Thornhill, Nome, Miss.	30	7	5			3	1	130
New Hope	T. D. Cox, Carley, Miss.	Walter Pittman, Pittman, Miss.	9	4			1	3	3	184
Oloh	J. J. Justice, Oloh, Miss.	Geo. Lott, Oloh, Miss.	20	7	15			2	2	41
Shiloh	C. E. Bass, Carley, Miss.	H. T. Pittman, Pittman, Miss.	15	3	6	2	1	9	1	79
Prine Spring	C. E. Bass, Carley, Miss.	J. C. Ryals, Goss, Miss.	25	5	3	2	1	9	1	85
Providence	J. L. Price, Norfield, Miss.	J. A. Andrews, Verna, Miss.	30	17	3	1	4	10	2	314

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS	SCHOLARS EXPENSES	CONTRIBUTIONS	SUPERIN- TENDENTS
Antioch	6	50 6 00	8 35	B. A. Summer
Bismark	2	30 6 00		G. M. Price
Cedar Grove				
Caney	5	40 3 75		P. B. Sones
Columbia	12	132	10 00	W. L. Simmons
Holly Springs	3	30		A. A. Beard
Little River	4	20		E. F. Williams
China Grove				
Magee's Creek	4	45 3 40	5 00	J. D. Thornhill
New Hope				
Oloh	4	40		S. Baggett
Prine Spring	6	50		Z. T. Daughdrill
Providence	7	79 1 80		J. F. M. Rowl
Shiloh	5	30		J. E. McKeen

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